

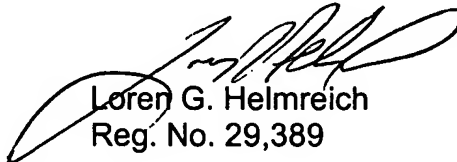
Int'l Appl. No.: PCT/US2003/029013
Int'l Filing Date: 15 September 2003
Preliminary Amendment dated March 11, 2005

Remarks

The claims have been amended to reduce the number of independent claims and to improve clarity.

In view of the foregoing amendments, early allowance of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,


Loren G. Helmreich
Reg. No. 29,389

Date: March 11, 2005

BROWNING BUSHMAN
5718 Westheimer, Suite 1800
Houston, TX 77057
Tel.: (713) 266-5593
Fax: (713) 266-5169

CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all referenced enclosures are being deposited by me with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail with Receipt No. EV317507585US in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on March 11, 2005.

By: 
Cathy Hayes

C:\Client_cth\LGH\DR\AorDQIP\140preliminaryamendment.wpd